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3119	7-16-58	PH LETTER TO HQ	4	4	
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3124	7-18-58	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
3125	7-18-58	BA LETTER TO HQ	2	0	
3126	7-18-58	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
3126-A	7-18-58	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

DATE: 7/8/58

FROM : SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS - C

On June 12, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results [redacted] b7E of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of May, 1958. This account is maintained in the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that this information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b7D

Report is filed in [redacted] b7D

Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

- ① - New York (100- [redacted] Committee to Secure Justice (RM) for MORTON SOBELL)

[redacted] b7C b7D

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EG 100-25530

Chicago Sobell Committee  
May, 1958

DATE	CHECKS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
			\$743.87
5	\$60.00		683.87
7	\$200.00		483.87
12	\$51.04	\$10.14	422.69
15	\$125.00		297.69
15	\$50.00	\$280.80	528.49
16	\$23.75	50.30	454.44
19	\$11.74		442.70
27		119.00	561.70
AMOUNT	PAYEE	CLEARED THROUGH	
\$11.74	Illinois Bell Telephone	First National, Chicago	
51.04	Great Northern Properties	American National, Chicago	
10.14	Illinois Bell	First National, Chicago	
200.00	Committee to Secure Justice M Sobell	Chemical Coin Exchange, New York	
60.00	Haven Perkins, Endorsed to Clara Mae Perkins 1423 East 60th Street, No. 7-8069	University National, Chicago	
125.00	Committee to Secure Justice M Sobell	Chemical Coin Exchange, New York	
50.00	Petty Cash	Us	
23.75	United Letter Service	Upper Avenue National, Chicago	
50.30	Haven Perkins	Southeast National, Chicago	



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-35117

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
(NCSJRC), aka. BAY AREA COUNCIL  
OF SOBELL COMMITTEES (BACSC), aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(u) All confidential informants used in the  
report of SA PHILIP M. ALGAR dated and captioned as  
above at San Francisco have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the  
FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distri-  
buted without the agency to which loaned.

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TO : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

DATE: 7/11/58

FROM : SA RICHARD B. LAVIN

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>Location</u>
[REDACTED]	6/21/58	6/24/58	SA RICHARD B. LAVIN	[REDACTED]

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The informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, submitted a written report. The report is as follows:

"Fund-Raising Party - Sobell Committee at WEICHERD home - Silver Spring - Saturday evening - June 21, 1958

"Among those present were--

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

35 - WFO

[REDACTED]

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(1-Each case file mentioned herein)

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(2-New York (100-107111)(Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

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"SARA HAMMOND made a short report on the good progress being made by the Sobell Committee in reaching the public through mass media and on the collection of signatures of prominent people on the petitions now being circulated throughout the country, and on related matters.

"ROSE SOBELL, the guest of honor, spoke briefly on the growing interest of people in her son's situation.

"A film of HELEN SOBELL's television appearance (on the N.Y. program 'Night Beat') was shown and a tape recording of the interview of ROSE SOBELL and SARA HAMMOND on the STEVE ALLISON show was played.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-29913)

DATE: 7/14/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-98584)

SUBJECT: VINCENT HALLINAN  
IS - C

Identity of Source

[REDACTED]

Description of Info

Speech by subject in NYC on 6/13/58 at the United Independent Socialist Election Conference (UISEC)

Date Received

6/20/58

Received By

SA PETER J. LEIGHTON

Location

[REDACTED]

2-San Francisco  
1-Albany

- 1-New York (100-135320) (UISEC) (7-3)
- 1-New York (100-4013) (SWP) (7-3)
- 1-New York (97-169) ("THE WORKER") (7-2)
- 1-New York (100-107111) (COMMITTEE FOR N. SORELL) (7-1)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of this source.

A copy of informant's report follows:

June 18, 1958

To: The Federal Bureau of Investigations  
From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: United Independent Socialist Conference attended  
June 13, 1958.

This is a summary of the Conference I attended of the United Independent Socialists on Friday, June 13th, 1958 at the Great Northern Hotel at 57th Street, N.Y. City

Donations were accepted at the door, but apparently not required for admission. I was told I could enter as a "Delegate" or an "Observer", the former seeming as the thing to be, I said Delegate, my name and address was recorded, I was told I was "registered", was handed a card (attached), and was asked to drop a dollar (\$1) in an opened box, [REDACTED] This occurred at one of two tables where 4 men sat, apparently doing the same thing, "registering" people as they entered. My telephone number and occupation were also recorded.

Before entering the door I was handed a newspaper "The Worker" free of charge, and then just inside the door a mimeographed sheet titled "Welcome Delegates", (both attached). :

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The audience was about full at the onset of the conference at 8:45 P.M. At about 9:30 P.M. there were approximately 300 moderately well dressed and commonly dressed people.

The following is an account of the speakers in order of appearance.

- 1) 'Betty Sanders' played the guitar to "Oh Beautiful" to which no one stood but most all sang along.
- 2) 'Henry Abrams' - introduced as the chairman of the American Labor Party - and undertaking the job of what appeared to be Master of Ceremonies of a sort. He introduced most or all the other speakers. He himself gave a short speech concerning Socialism and how this (the U.S.) country would be a happier country with Socialism. That this (Socialism) was the only answer to the nation's problems.

He quickly went on to read a list of the officers to be elected, (it was not quite clear to me what the officers were for) and after again quickly saying "All in favor, say aye", and half the audience responding favorably, then quickly saying "all opposed", and no response; The mentioned Officers were then declared unanimously elected. This election took place within no more than 3 minutes including the reading off of the names.

- 3) 'Victor Hanan' - introduced as the chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance. He greeted the audience with 'Comrades'. His short speech (about 5 minutes) stated that he was fighting for the right to a) Give out Socialist Literature and b) Assemble in public meetings. This man spoke quite forcefully and in his speech mentioned that there would be an 'Open House' on Sunday afternoon at 144 Second Ave, N.Y. City.



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- 4) 'Mrs. Muriel McAbee' - introduced as wife of the chairman of the Socialist Unity Forum. - She stressed "Full ticket of the Independent Socialist Campaign."
- 5) 'Benjamin J. Davis' - introduced as the Chairman of the N.Y. State Communist Party. - This man was said not to have been on the schedule for the evening, that he just happened to be in the audience. He spoke the longest and perhaps the most forceful of all, raising his voice at times and swinging his arms in anger (?). He said that the Communist Party was guided by the principles of Marxism and Lenninism. That he fought for "peace, Civil rights and Civil Liberties." He mentioned that N.Y. City was the "Hottest Spot in America" in reference to radioactive fallout. That everyone should fight for peaceful co-existence. That this country needs and is having a mass movement towards Socialism. That in Harlem there was a Political Revolution taking place. That all should fight for Independent Political action.
- 6) 'Miss Joyce Haley' - introduced as 1957 Socialist Worker Party Candidate. Spoke of the United Independent Election Conference. Also on the Socialist Campaign in California where there were 40,000 votes for the Socialists. That in America there was a one party system because both parties (Democrats and Republicans) represented the same class of people and not the workers. That this (the conference) was a step towards a Labor Party movement. She spoke also about slum housing and segregation. She said that they must win the working class to struggle for a Socialist future.
- 7) 'Betty Sanders' - (same guitarist as #1 abovementioned) with guitar played, a) "Union Miners" a 'Spiritual" - then b) A French song sung in French. c) "For our Land" - By Robert Burns, d) "For

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all that", e) "Come and Go With me to That Land"  
- 'spiritual' - mentioning "No Jim Crow in that  
land, and peace and happiness in that land."

8) Henry Abrams - read greetings from 'Dr. Douglass E. B. Davoe' and 'Mrs. Rockwell Kent'. - Tim Wolf, -  
managing editor of ? Young Socialist Alliance.  
Richard Dohan, chairman of Young Socialist Alliance.

9) Sydney J. Gluck - Spoke on the following.  
Workers should find their way to socialism. Workers  
should join the Independent Voters. That the  
Democratic Party was the 'lesser of the two evils'  
- that there were certain co-illusion within the  
Democratic Party. That new alternatives are to  
be established. That the Communist, Labor,  
Socialist, and Independent Parties should join  
forces and become one.

10) John T. McManus - Introduced as the Editor of the National  
Guardian

11) Dr. Yvette T. Rubenstein

12) John T. McManus again spoke and collection of  
donations began by soliciting who was to  
give first tens, fives, ones, in showing of  
hands.

Seven envelopes were circulated about the audience  
and including a \$100.00 pledge, I would estimate roughly  
that approximately \$400 was collected in all.

13) 'Vincent Halliman' - introduced as having come from  
California to speak here. Spoke about the Holln  
Roberts Campaign of California. Stressed for  
what it failed to do. That Hollan Roberts was

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'induced to run for Superintendent of Education'.  
That the entire campaign cost \$5,000. Twice  
that amount would have been all needed for success  
of the campaign. Mentioned that the following  
'member of the Brittish Parliament "would come to  
the U.S. to speak of Socialism around the country.  
Earl McCabe, Steven Swinger, and Harold Davis.

I left before the end as it was already 10:45 P.M. with about  
1/4 of the audience.

Note: I took notes throughout the conference as this was  
encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The literature referred to in the above report,  
as obtained by [REDACTED] was furnished to SA PETER J.  
LEIGHTON on 6/20/58, and is identified as follows:

- 1 - Copy of "The Worker" dated 6/15/58.  
(destroyed as other copies have been retained by  
- agent handling case).

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- 1 - Registration and "Delegate" card for admission to UISEC.  
(retained in NY 100-135320-1B2(9) \_\_\_\_\_).
- 1 - Mimeographed sheet "Welcome Delegate".  
(retained in NY 100-135320-1B2(10) \_\_\_\_\_).
- 1 - Newspaper "that justice shall be done," published by  
National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.  
(retained in NY 100-107111-1B913 \_\_\_\_\_).
- 1 - Throwaway "University Students Discuss the Facts in  
the case of Scientist Morton Sobell," issued by  
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.  
(retained in NY 100-107111-1B914 \_\_\_\_\_).

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**A I R T E L**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)**

**FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)**

**THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, ET AL  
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**CINALE**

On 7/13/58, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell sponsored a picnic 7/12, 58, SLMO. **670**

HAVEN PERKINS of Chicago, Illinois, organizer of subject, stated HELEN SOBELL is on her way to Mexico where she hopes to obtain new information re the alleged kidnapping of her and MORTON SOBELL. PERKINS asserted she would recognize her kidnapers; further, stated there is little hope for future court action on behalf of MORTON SOBELL and main effort now is for executive clemency.

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- ① - NEW YORK (100-107111) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-133090)

DATE: 7/15/58

FROM : SA FRANK R. LONGO

SUBJECT: QUEENS COMMITTEE FOR A  
SANE NUCLEAR POLICY  
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Source:

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Reliability:

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Date Received:

6/18/58

Received By:

SA FRANK R. LONGO

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In the event this information is used in a report or otherwise disseminated outside the Bureau, care must be taken to protect the identity of the informant.

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1-NY 100-107111 (CP, USA) (RE: SPY CASE OF JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)/

- 1-NY 100- [REDACTED] ("THE NATION") (#7-1)
- 1-NY 100- [REDACTED] ("LIBERATION") (#7-1)
- 1-NY 100-26603 (CP, USA) (#7-5)

[REDACTED]

1-NY 100-133090 (#7-2-15)

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FRL:PCM  
(18)

[Handwritten signature and initials]

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A copy of informant's report follows:

June 18, 1958

This is a report of a meeting held in Sunnyside, L.I. (Sunnyside Garden, Queens Blvd. at 45th Street) on June 17th, 1958, under the auspices of the Queens Committee For a Sane Nuclear Policy.

The main speakers were: Dr. Linus Pauling, Carey McWilliams, Editor of The Nation, and Trevor Thomas, Ex. Sec., Natl. Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. An unannounced speaker was Robert Gilmore of the American Friends Service Committee. Also unannounced were two professors from Queens College, names unknown. The latter may account for the large number of young people of high school and college age present, most of whom listened intently, made notes and applauded vigorously.

The line was so much the same, there is no point in repeating it. Again, stress was laid on the fact that Dulles seems to be coming around to their way of thinking.

A telegram was read from Congressman Lester Holtzman (D-Lib) of Queens. It was a very long message, congratulating them and endorsing their program.

It is estimated that about 1000 or better persons were present. To start the usual collection of funds off, it was announced that they had a check for \$25. from the Little Neck-Douglaston Committee, then the chairman said "Who wants to contribute \$20....there was only one \$20 contributed; several tens and fives.... [REDACTED] Considering the crowd, this may not seem to be a good showing, but I repeat, there were many young people present. b7D

The chairman announced a meeting to be held soon in the McBurney Branch, YMCA, 215 West 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. ALSO, one in P.S. 178, 188th Street, Jamaica, June 25th..... speaker Dr. Harry Lustig. ALSO, one at 35-64 - Eightieth St.,

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Jackson Heights, Apt. 2-H. at the home of Kenneth Lenahan -  
telephone TW 8-9456;

ALSO at the Good Citizenship Bldg., Northern Blvd.,  
Flushing on June 24th...remarked that this group got its  
start at the FRIEND MEETING HOUSE in Flushing.

Circulars were distributed to "STOP NUCLEAR GIVE AWAY BILLS",  
namely, Senate Bill 3912 and House Bill 12716 - "TELEGRAPH  
OR WRITE AT ONCE". The LINE here was to "ASK FOR FULL DEBATE  
ON BOTH BILLS AND INDICATE OPPOSITION TO IT."

In addition to the literature available, there were stacks  
of THE NATION and LIBERATION for sale, and also people  
walking around in the lobby and elsewhere selling them.  
The Nation, issue dated 6/14/58, advertised this particular  
meeting and also a meeting to be held June 18th, in the  
Hotel New Yorker, under the auspices of EMERGENCY CIVIL  
LIBERTIES COM. Speakers, Alexander Meiklejohn, Rabbi Robert  
E. Goldberg, Harvey O Connor and Dr. Corliss Lamont.

NOTE: Also included a showing of "Justice Douglas Film Inter-  
view - 7:30 P.M.) Cost \$2.50 - coffee and dessert. ALSO,  
in this issue, an ad of the WORLD FELLOWSHIP, Conway, N.H.;  
and other camps which are advertised also in the New York  
Post.

There is a half-page ad in the Nation, same issue, expressing  
the sympathetic view and endorsement of Atomic Scientist,  
DR. HAROLD C. UREY of "The Rosenberg Sobell Trial Record"  
\$6.00 for eight volumes, this may be ordered by sending  
the ad to "Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,  
940 Broadway, New York, N.Y.\_



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) DATE: 7/1/58

FROM : SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. (7-3)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
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Source: [REDACTED] b7D

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Information Furnished: Three announcements re SOBELL Committee

Date received: 6/23/58  
Received By: SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.

Location: 100-107111-18922

[REDACTED] furnished, as set forth above, material received in the mail from SWP Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York City. b7D

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The material consisted of three announcements.

The first of these described a get-together to be held at Nola Studios, 113 West 57th Street, New York, New York, 6/14/58, under the auspices of the New York Sobell Committee.

The second announcement described a farewell social to be held 6/21/58, at 601 West 113th Street, New York, by the Sobell Committee.

The third announcement concerned a social to be held by the Sobell Committee dated 6/21/58, at 54 West 15th Street.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>MARION B. HUMMEL</b>	TYPED BY <b>EPK</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

Meeting held on 4/7/58, to re-establish Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in Philadelphia. Committee to be known as Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. FRED RAPPAPORT, acting as Chairman, assisted by JEAN D. FRANTJIS. Committee has been active in distributing literature and securing names on petitions in behalf of SOBELL. JEAN D. FRANTJIS has requested support of Philadelphia SOBELL Committee from CPEPD and CPEPD leaders have indicated support will be furnished. Support also solicited from Philadelphia Branch, SWP.

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DETAILS: The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, 'the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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ORGANIZATION OF PHILADELPHIA  
SOBELL COMMITTEE

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] a meeting was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to re-establish the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS) in Philadelphia. This Committee was to be called the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. The working organization of the Committee was to be comprised of a "working committee" which is to be the Central Organizational Committee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that as of December 1956, JEAN D. FRANTJIS was a member of a club in the West Philadelphia area, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that as of June 1, 1958, FREDA KAPPAPORT was considered by the leaders as a sympathizer of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that ELGIN CURRY had at one time been an officer of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council. [REDACTED]

The CP, USA, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The SWP and the National Negro Labor Council have also been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] advised that the Philadelphia Associates, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, held a meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At this meeting, ARCHIE COLEMAN and FREDA RAPPAPORT reported that they had been holding meetings to raise money and to secure signatures on a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. They reported that the Philadelphia quota was 600 plus 2000 signatures. FREDA RAPPAPORT said that to date 200 had been raised. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that on May 2, 1958, a celebration in observance of May Day sponsored by "The Worker" was held at the Essex Hotel, 13th and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia. At this affair, JEAN FRANTZIS sold copies of the newspaper "That Justice Shall Be Done," a tabloid type newspaper published by the CSJMS. b7D

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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[REDACTED] advised that on that date EDITH GOLDSMITH of Philadelphia, and SARAH HAMMOND of Delaware, had been visiting professional people in the Philadelphia area soliciting money for the SOBELL Committee.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the Philadelphia Committee to Defend the Russian Born held a meeting [REDACTED] At this meeting, JEAN D. FRONZIS distributed issues of a newspaper "That Justice Shall Be Done" published by the CSJMS.

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On page 12, column four of the June 15, 1958 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" there appears an item which states that an intensive campaign for signatures on a petition to President EISENHOWER to free MORTON SOBELL is spreading throughout the Philadelphia area. Literature is being distributed from door-to-door to acquaint the broad public with the case. The article states that a successful meeting



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[REDACTED]  
advised that as of that date, THOMAS W. BIRIED was Treasurer  
of the CPEPD.

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[REDACTED]  
advised that as of May 1958, WILLIAM CRAWFORD was Section  
Secretary of the West Philadelphia Section, CPEPD.

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[REDACTED]  
advised that as of May 1958, FRANCIS GADON was an officer  
of the 4th CD. Section, CPEPD.

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[REDACTED] advised that JOSEPH ROBERTS was the Executive Secretary of the CPEPD. 02

[REDACTED] advised that MATTHEW SNYDER was a member of the District Committee, CPEPD. 02

[REDACTED] advised that JACK ZUCKER had been selected by the District Leaders, CPEPD, to serve on the Negro Commission of the CPEPD, which was in the process of being established. 02

SWP Support  
of Philadelphia  
SOBELL Committee

[REDACTED] advised that the Philadelphia branch SWP held a day day meeting [REDACTED] FREDA RAPPAPORT attended this meeting and solicited signatures on a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. 070

[REDACTED] advised that the Philadelphia branch SWP held a meeting [REDACTED]

At this meeting, PEARL CHERTOV announced that on June 7 and June 8, 1958, people working on the "SOBELL Case" would solicit signatures on petitions from house-to-house. According to CHERTOV, ELOISE FICKLAND was to work with THOMAS NABRIED of the CP on this project. 070

[REDACTED] advised that PEARL CHERTOV was a member of the Philadelphia Branch, SWP, as of January 1958. 070

[REDACTED] advised that ELOISE FICKLAND was Branch Treasurer of the Philadelphia Branch, SWP, as of January 1958. 070

**APPENDIX - DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS  
AND PUBLICATION**

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**PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATES,  
EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE**

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* \* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans,  
S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)

A confidential informant advised 12/21/57 and 1/6/58 that LEONARD BOUDIN, constitutional lawyer and legal counsel for Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, made a speech 12/20/57 accepting the Philadelphia Associates as a group to work with the national organization. This occurred at a Bill of Rights Day celebration, sponsored by the Philadelphia Associates, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia.

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MORNING FREIHEIT

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the publication "Morning Freiheit" as follows:

A "Communist Yiddish daily."

(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"The Freiheit has been one of the rankost organs of Communist propagerda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)



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PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO DEFEND  
THE FOREIGN BORN

On January 13, 1956, a Confidential Informant advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Defend the Foreign Born is affiliated with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PHILADELPHIA JEWISH CULTURAL CLUBS, aka  
Jewish Cultural Clubs of Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs (PJCC), aka Jewish Cultural Clubs of Philadelphia, were formed in the Spring months of 1954. Actually the basis for the formation of the PJCC was laid in the Fall months of 1953 when it appeared certain that the International Workers Order (IWO) would be dissolved pursuant to an order of liquidation by the New York state courts.

SOL ROTENBERG, former Executive Director, Philadelphia Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO), IWO, in late 1953 laid the groundwork for the formation of the PJCC, using as a nucleus former JPFO, IWO members. In early 1954, he provided leadership in the establishment of the PJCC, and also set up the Coordinating Committee, PJCC, composed of delegates from the Culture Clubs of the PJCC. The purpose of this committee was to provide leadership, long-range planning and coordination of the activities of the various culture clubs.

A second confidential informant on 6/21/54 advised that SOL ROTENBERG was a member of the Philadelphia City Committee, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) as of June 1954; on 4/1/57 this informant advised that as of March, 1957, ROTENBERG was a member of the District Committee, CPEPD.

A third confidential informant advised on 5/8/57 and 5/23/58 that the PJCC continues to be active in Philadelphia, with the Sholem Aleichem Club being the largest, most active and aggressive in the PJCC.

The "Morning Freiheit", issue of 4/14/57, columns 4-5, identified the other clubs of the PJCC as follows:

Wynnefield Jewish Culture Club  
Uptown Mutual Aid Society  
North East Culture Club  
Strawberry Mansion Culture Club  
South West Culture Club

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On 7/30/57, the first confidential informant mentioned above, advised that the South West Culture Club has not held meetings for several months and has probably gone out of existence. This informant also advised that the individual Culture Clubs are known by variations of the same general name, i.e., the South West Culture Club is also known as the South West Philadelphia Cultural Society, South West Cultural Farcin, etc.

The International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JUL 14 1950

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All informants utilized in report of Special Agent  
MARION B. HUMMEL dated July 14, 1950 captioned as above, at  
Philadelphia, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and  
neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside  
the agency to which loaned.

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*M. J. [unclear]*

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Date:

JUN 1958

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

Enclosed herewith are six copies of report of SA MARION B. HUMMEL dated 10/10/58 at Philadelphia, together with six copies of memorandum setting forth the reliability of informants used therein.

REFERENCE

Philadelphia airtel to Bureau dated 4/8/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Translations from the "Morning Freiheit" were made by Translator HARRY TOPLAN of the Philadelphia Office.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized where necessary.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
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T-1:

SA MARION B. HUMMEL

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encl. 12) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-37667)

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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
T-2:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		87D
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
T-3:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA CHARLES T. ADAMS	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		87D
T-4:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA WILLIAM F. McLAUGHLIN	[REDACTED] 87D
T-5:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE	[REDACTED] 87D
T-6:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA OTIS L. DURTON	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]

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T-7: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA ELMER T. MILLER	[REDACTED] 870
T-8: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA FORREST F. BURGESS	100-37667- 2086 870
T-9: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA JOHN T. BLAIR	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED] 82
T-10: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
T-11: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA ELMER C. MULLEN	[REDACTED] 870

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INFORMANTS (continued)

Used to document organization Philadelphia Committee to  
Defend the Foreign Born [REDACTED]

Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Club [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

Will follow and report the activities of the  
Philadelphia SOBELL Committee.

The enclosed report is classified Confidential since  
data reported from Confidential Informant T-6 on pages five and  
six, T-7 on page five, and T-9 on pages six through eight  
could reasonably result in the identification of Confidential  
Informants of continuing value and compromise the future  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-37667)

DATE: 7/21/58

FROM : SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE  
IS - C

On 6/23/58 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HARRY C. BELK of the following. This information was put into statement form by SA BELK and was then read and initialed by the informant on 6/23/58. It is maintained in [redacted]

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FOR MORTON SOBELL, etc)
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*add per info from Phil 7/25/58*

"Philadelphia, Pa.  
June 23, 1958

"On Saturday night, June 21, 1958, the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case sponsored an affair [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There were approximately thirty-five people present including the following:

[REDACTED]

"SARAH HAMMOND and ROSE SOBELL were the guest speakers. SARAH HAMMOND ran the movie and appeared to be in charge of everything. She said they had just returned from Washington, D. C. where they had been contacting Senators and Congressmen. She mentioned particularly Congressman HOLT saying they were received very well by him.

"HAMMOND also stated that while she and ROSE SOBELL were in Washington, they appeared on the STEVE ALLISON Radio Program. She said he did not brow beat them and that he has a listening audience of 70,000 people. HAMMOND went on to say that ALLISON's sympathy was definitely with them.

"HAMMOND also ran the motion picture of an interview of HELEN SOBEL with a commentator by the name of WINGATE who appeared to brow beat her.

"ROSE SOBEL in speaking recited how her son, MORTON had been kidnapped by the U. S. Gov. and imprisoned without cause. With tears in her eyes, she told of going from place to place fighting for MORTON SOBEL's release. She also mentioned she felt they were beginning to make progress because of the receptions being given them by most people.

"She mentioned she had tried to make an appointment to see JOHN L. LEWIS but had been refused. ROSE said she went to LEWIS' house anyway where she saw his daughter, KATHERINE LEWIS, who managed to make an appointment with her father. ROSE said she would return to Washington, D. C. to keep this appointment. The purpose in seeing LEWIS is to solicit his help in securing the release of MORTON SOBELL.

"ROSE SOBELL asked everyone to write their Congressman urging the release of MORTON SOBELL.

"They would also like to have more house parties like this to support their fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL.

"ARCHIE COLEMAN took up a collection. [REDACTED] SARAH HAMMOND asked for the collection. 820

"DORA COLEMAN's mother sold pot holders with the proceeds being donated to this affair."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: JUL 24 1958

FROM : SA REESIE L. TIMMONS (#7-3)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS-C

Source  
Reliability

[Redacted] B7D

Description of material

Who has furnished reliable information in the past. Leaflet published by "Sobell Committee" 940 Broadway, NY, NY announcing "Freedom Fortnight" for MORTON SOBELL, June 1 through 15, 1958 7/1/58 SA REESIE L. TIMMONS NY 100-107111 1B195

Date received  
Received by  
Location

[Redacted] advised on 7/1/58, that the above described leaflet was received by him through the mail just prior to 7/1/58. B7D

The leaflet set forth that it was an invitation to "Our Freedom Fortnight get-together" climaxing two weeks of work and launching our summer program which will be held 6/14/58, at "Nola Studios, Room 619, 113 West 57th Street". The leaflet announced that a special attraction at the 6/14 meeting would be EARL ROBINSON.

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D. H. [signature]



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SF 61-380

On 7/10/58 [REDACTED] furnished SA JOSEPH R. SEIBEL with a written report of a joint meeting of the San Francisco and Oakland SWP Branches which was held at San Francisco SWP Headquarters, 1145 Polk Street, San Francisco on 7/8/58. This report is set forth verbatim as follows:

"7/9/58

"There was a joint meeting of the San Francisco branch and East Bay branch of the SWP at 1145 Polk St. San Francisco on July 8, 1958, the following is the agenda of that meeting:

"RALPH MARTIN was the chairman, first he said that since this was a joint meeting, there will be no minutes, only correspondence, then a report on the conference in New York by GEORGE LEVAN; First came correspondence a News release saying that the SWP will open a branch in Denver, CARL went over there for five days to discuss the branch organization, and also the support of the party to a governor candidate, next a leaflet saying that the Defense committee will have a party this Saturday. Next a letter saying that the carpenter's union will have a rally against proposition 18 on July 10; Next RALPH said that at the social on Friday \$111.70 were collected, leaving a net profit of \$61.30. Then RALPH said that since we didn't have a speaker for this month, he had called L.A. and THEODORE EDWARDS will come on July 26, to speak on Latin America today, making emphasis in Cuba and Fidel Castro. Then RALPH says, that the class on American History that was due to start on the 10th had to be postponed, because JEFF WHITE the leader of the class is sick but will begin on the 17th of this month. Then BOE MATTINGLY said that GEORGE MAYLAND, TONY BACHMAN and himself had distributed 300 Militants at the unemployment office, receiving a terrific good response among the unemployed.

Next GEORGE spoke, he said:

"I'll give you a little background on the reagroupment work in New York. Over in New York the situation as far as reagroupment is concerned is very special, the West Coast is much more farther ahead, New York made the turn to reagroupment when the party decided it was a good tactical movement. For the past year and one half, the branch committed itself to reagroupment, in New York the Militant plays a big role, a lot of new faces are coming along all over the nation, but this is not the work of the branch along, we're very active in Sobell, School of Social Sciences (closed) series of forums, over great hope is in the American forum of Institutions who has a slow start, all this efforts don't say too much, but it was suppressing the effects from the election.

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"campaign, 15000 votes, but we just can't get in touch with all that people. After the plenum in February followed the endorsement of the National Guardian endorsing a United ticket, National Guardian sound off in this issue because they wanted to see the reaction of the people, without committing themselves, the response was very good, the decision was to make a vanguard committee to see what will happen and the response of the people, 2 of our comrades joined 2 from the National Guardian, 2 former leaders of the American Labor party, MARTELL and some others, not much happened for months, only discussions, and reagroupment was confined to a very small group, in the committee sessions our comrades discovered that if we'd press for a couple of issues, will be the independent ticket; a pure socialist, here was the big battle finally the committee decided in the independent ticket without our language (words we use) but their own language, a conference was called, we didn't object to the words, all we were interested was the content, and we suggested a few modifications for ex: we objected to the capitalistic parties being called machines we want to call them capitalistic parties, then in New York we'd a big conference, our comrades said to call off the conference and to call for another one in another date; the Marcys group was against the conference. MARCY and JOE HANSEN had a big debate but at the end the majority was in favor of a united ticket.

"This is the first time since 1930 that we really go into action, the strategy was planned by the comrades, registrations forms, mailings, etc was prepared, the floor procedure was under TOM KARRY, everything was prepared.

"Then came lots of work in the committee

- 1) The composition; was made of personalities from the left and many others
- 2) the committee tried to get the CP to go but instead the CP boycotted the committee all the way, until the last 2 weeks when JOHNSON and DAVIS came over to the committee meeting, JOHNSON spoke on the party position, they wanted a candidate for senator at the most, then they began to call names to the members of the committee telling them, that we (SWP) were taking them for a ride, also at the same time they had come asking for a united ticket, this made that the committee



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"stiffened his position, a letter of protest was going to be wrote to the daily worker, so DAVIS and JOHNSON came over trying to stop the letter, that day, the practical issues were discussed first and secondly, DAVIS was asked to give an explanation, he said that we shouldn't try to cut the Democratic party, so professor NATHIEN blew up and said, either DAVIS goes or I go, so DAVIS was expelled, and the letter was sent, the Daily Worker published it together with an article attacking the SWP. We were worried, we knew that the CP was trying to throw the conference, or will they win the election, but we knew that 100 fosterists were in disagreement with supporting the Demo party, and if the CP won the election we said that either there will be a split among the members, if they lost then we'll vote for a full socialist ticket, but even for a chance to discuss with them in front of the members will be enough.

"We'd large gains in the American forum also individuals, the hate towards troaskyts have been broke and they (the CP) found out that we are people that can be work with.

"We were going to participate, but let them carry the fight for a full slats and we kept 30 speakers in case the members of the committee weakened.

"Out of 700 responses, 500 were present at the conference. Here's what happened at the conference.

"1st day, Friday afternoon a program was presented and opinions were admitted. Opening speakes by BEN DAVIS, HALLINAN, JOYCE from us, HALLINAN sure pull the trick for us, he said things that we'll like to say but would been disasterous for us, he said either support the Democratic party or the socialist. JOHNSON attacked HALLINAN in the protest. After the 1st session the sponsor committee discussed, JOHNSON wanted to blow the committee and together with DAVIS wanted a repudiation of HALLINAN's speech, and an apology to the CP. So we compromise to make an apology saying that the sentiment of HALLINAN was his own and not the committee's

"2nd Day the CP wanted to pull the same thing as before but were put in line by the chair, DAVIS said that the apology

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"wasn't enough. The main debate was 'One candidate or a full slate, the independents said we shouldn't support the democratic party, at this point 4 members weakened and a reform was put in front, 20 of our speakers waited and passed their turns to speak to see what the amendment will bring, but it was defeated 2-1, McMANUS spoke then asking for a unanimous vote to the resolution, only 6 said no.

"3rd day the big question was, will the CP be there, the leaders were gone, but the members were present, the platform suprissed us, more of what we expected it was wrote at the most by our comrades.

the question of candidates wasn't take, one big bloque coexistence, we broke by saying our program against war and this way we prevented it for being a big issue. We pressed for candidates immediately nominations, several were made, but we didn't one, but WEISS said that we should stay to the end, candidate or not candidate, because this is the only way to reagroupment\_

"Then came a period of discussion and the meeting was over, the following were present at this meeting\_



Informant was interviewed regardin this report and had nothing to add to the information contained therein.

Information regarding the formation of a new branch of the SWF in Denver has been incorporated into a CIN&L airtel, copies of which were furnished to New York and Denver.

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RECOMMENDATION: No action.

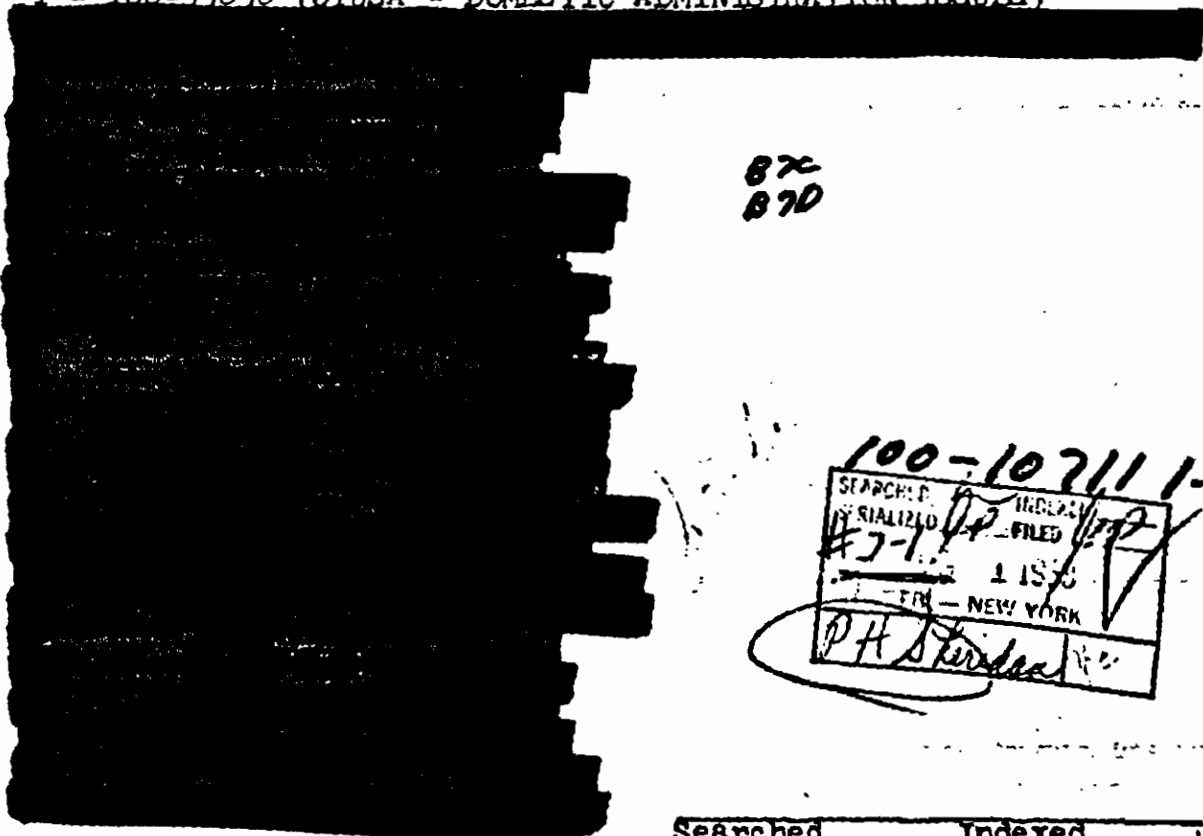
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37667)  
FROM: SA ELMER C. MULLEN  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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DATE: 7/28/58

- 1 - BALTIMORE [REDACTED]
- 2 - NEW YORK (RM)
  - 1 - COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
  - 1 - ROSE SOBELL
- 28 - PHILADELPHIA
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On 6/26/58, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written report to SA ELMER C. MULLEN. This report is maintained in [REDACTED] 870

"June 22, 1958

"Report of June 20, 1958 8:30 P.M.

"House affair to meet, great and hear ROSE SOBELL mother of MORTON SOBELL, [REDACTED] 870

"Speakers; ROSE SOBELL, SARAH HAMMOND, JEAN DUNN FRANTJIS.

"Chairman; SARAH HAMMOND.

"Collection speaker; JEAN DUNN FRANTJIS. [REDACTED] 870

"Attendance about 50 persons including the following:

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"Admission \$1.00 per person. 870

"Sound Film of the JOHN WINGATE interview of HELEN SOBELL on his TV program, Night Beat.

"SARAH HAMMOND of New York City started off the affair by relating some of the facts pertaining to the MORTON SOBELL trial and conviction. She said that he was convicted through the testimony of perjured witnesses. Kidnapped from Mexico by the FBI, etc. SARAH HAMMOND next showed the JOHN WINGATE interview of HELEN SOBELL. Most of the questions asked by WINGATE were either evaded by HELEN SOBELL or answered in a round-about-way which would end with MORTON SOBELL is innocent. The Film lasted about 10 or 12 minutes.

"SARAH HAMMOND then introduced ROSE SOBELL as MORTON'S mother. ROSE said her son is innocent and is missed by his wife and children. She said that the whole country is being rallied to free MORTON SOBELL.

"ROSE SOBELL spoke for about 10 mins.

"SARAH HAMMOND next introduced JEAN DUNN FRANTJIS who made the Collection Speech. JEAN said that money is necessary to carry on the fight to Free MORTON SOBELL. Lawyers, Literature and other expenses are a constant drain on the Committee's reserves. Time; about 15 mins.

"The meeting part of the affair ended at 9:45 P.M. Refreshments were served by the COLEMAN'S they included Coffee, Tea, Cakes, and pastries. these were donated by members of the Phila. Committee to obtain justice for Morton Sobell.

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[REDACTED] provided on 6/26/58 an invitation to instant meeting and a newspaper entitled "that justice shall be done," issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. These items are being retained in [REDACTED]

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**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**NEW YORK FILE**

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3154	8-6-58	SA MEMO to SAC	2	2		
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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11702) DATE: 7-29-58  
FROM : SA CLARK S. SMITH  
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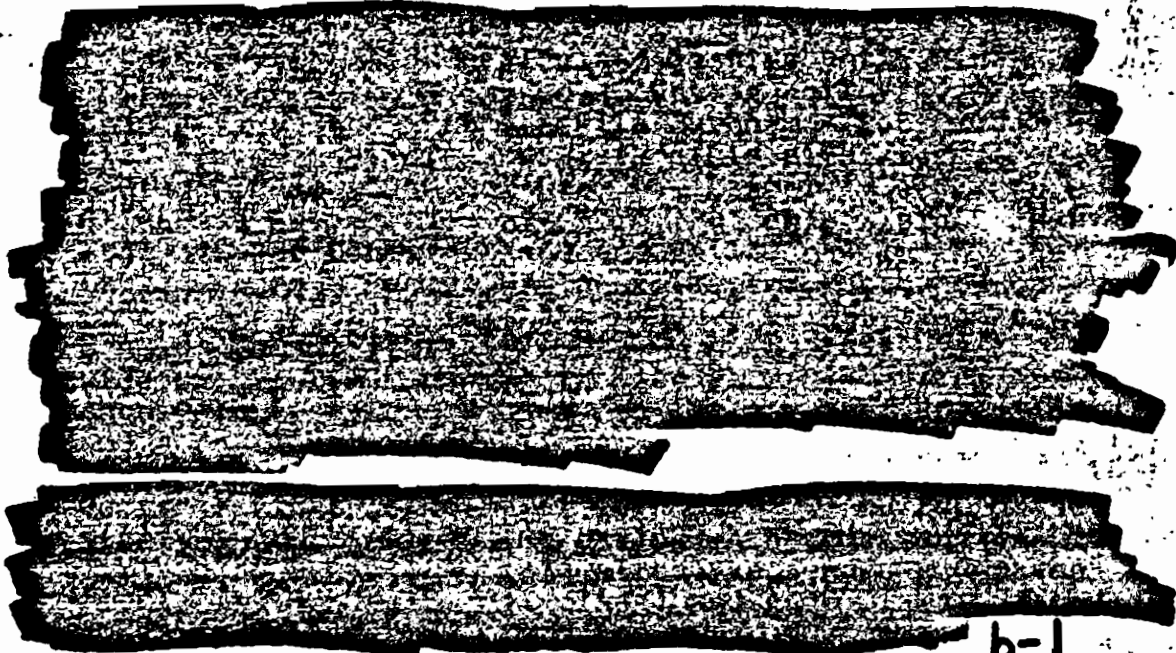
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"Soon Tournear called the meeting to order and introduced Haven who reported his activities. He reviewed his last December's trip to Minneapolis. He told the Sobell committees were enlarged there (Minneapolis) as well as in Milwaukee and Chicago - also that he had spent some time in Cleveland, Ohio, with a great deal of success.

"He reviewed the meeting in New York at which Chaplain Peter McCormack spoke - he stated that McCormack was fired from his Chaplainship at Alcatraz because of his activity in behalf of Sobell.

"Haven told of the freedom Sobell was receiving in Atlanta, Georgia - that it was like heaven to be able to talk to and even touch Helen. Possibly Sobell or some outsiders were abusing his freedom or too much talk or propagania was going on outside, at any rate the Warden called Rose (Sobell's mother) in and told her that this arrangement wasn't necessarily permanent, that Sobell could be sent back to Alcatraz. Haven passed out literature as representative of much being printed in various papers. Copies enclosed. Haven stressed the need for money.

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"Irwin Glicker than reported on the successful banquet given Dr. Urey in Chicago. -150 people attended at \$5.00 a plate - either a profit or a collection was taken up - anyway the money was either \$466.00 or \$645.00 as a result of the dinner.

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"No arrangements were made for a future meeting.

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The following are being indexed: Chaplain PETER MCCORMACK of Alcatraz, ROSE SOBELL and Dr. UREY.

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)**

**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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ReBulet to CG dated 5/21/58 captioned as above.

On 7/22/58 the Chicago Division received from [redacted] memorandum containing information furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum contains information furnished by [redacted] on 7/8/58 regarding a Midwestern Sobell Committee Conference held on 6/29/58 at 1423 East 60th Street, CG, Ill.

Enclosed for the Bureau, to comply with relet, are the original and six copies of a letterhead memorandum based on information furnished by [redacted] concerning a Midwestern Sobell Committee Conference held on June 29, 1958, at 1423 East 60th Street, CG, Ill.

This letterhead memorandum is classified confidential since data furnished by [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

Documentations of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case and the Chicago Sobell Committee were derived from HCUA documents as indicated.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 7)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (RM) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - [redacted] (RM) (Encl. 1)
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the characterization of GALE SONDERGARD. b-7-D

The characterization of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship was furnished by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past. b-7-D

THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO REPORT SOBELL FUNDS INFORMATION FROM LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE. AUERBACH



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Chicago, Illinois

July 28, 1958

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 8, 1958, furnished information regarding a Midwestern Sobell Committee Conference held on June 29, 1958, at 1423 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The meeting was attended by Sobell Committee members from Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Detroit, Michigan.

Each Sobell Committee representative gave those assembled an oral report of Sobell activities in his respective area. Those present discussed Sobell Committee fund raising devices and tactics which might achieve mass signatures for Sobell petitions.

It was stated that many Sobell groups concentrate on getting prominent people to sign petitions and make public statements demanding the release of Morton Sobell. Indicative of this, it was stated that the Chicago Sobell Committee is attempting to secure the services of actress Gale Sondergard to speak at a Chicago Sobell Committee function which will shortly be held at Chicago, Illinois. It was stated that Miss Sondergard will, of course, endorse the release of Morton Sobell. It was announced that the Chicago Sobell Committee is attempting to organize an affair in which the Reverend Peter McCormack, former Protestant chaplain at Alcatraz Federal Prison, might participate.

Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, announced that the national Sobell organization has, in the past eight years, raised some five million dollars. Helen

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Sobell said that this information should not be made public lest the Tax Department use this information to put the Sobell organization out of business.

It was stated that although Sobell affairs do not necessarily result in membership gains for the Sobell organization, such events do result in the raising of large amounts of money.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 22, 1955, that on June 19, 1955, Gale Sondergard addressed a meeting of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship at Curtiss Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

The following organizations are described in the attached appendix pages:

Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship

Chicago Sobell Committee

National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

[REDACTED] made available the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11 (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board." b7D

[REDACTED] the aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the U.S.S.R. b7D

A second source advised on May 1, 1958, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the U.S.S.R. This source advised that even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of the group are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

Cited as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p.72.).

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSEALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30).

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 7/29/58

FROM : SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL (12-13)

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Description of info: [REDACTED]

Date Received: 7/10/58

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Original located: [REDACTED]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of the informant.

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In addition, [REDACTED] furnished the following description of PETE (LNU), whom informant previously reported as attending the aforementioned party:

1-New York [REDACTED] (Inv.) (12-13)

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P.A. Sheridan [Signature]

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 30 years
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, wave in front
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Wears glasses, clean cut and well-dressed, quiet mannerisms.



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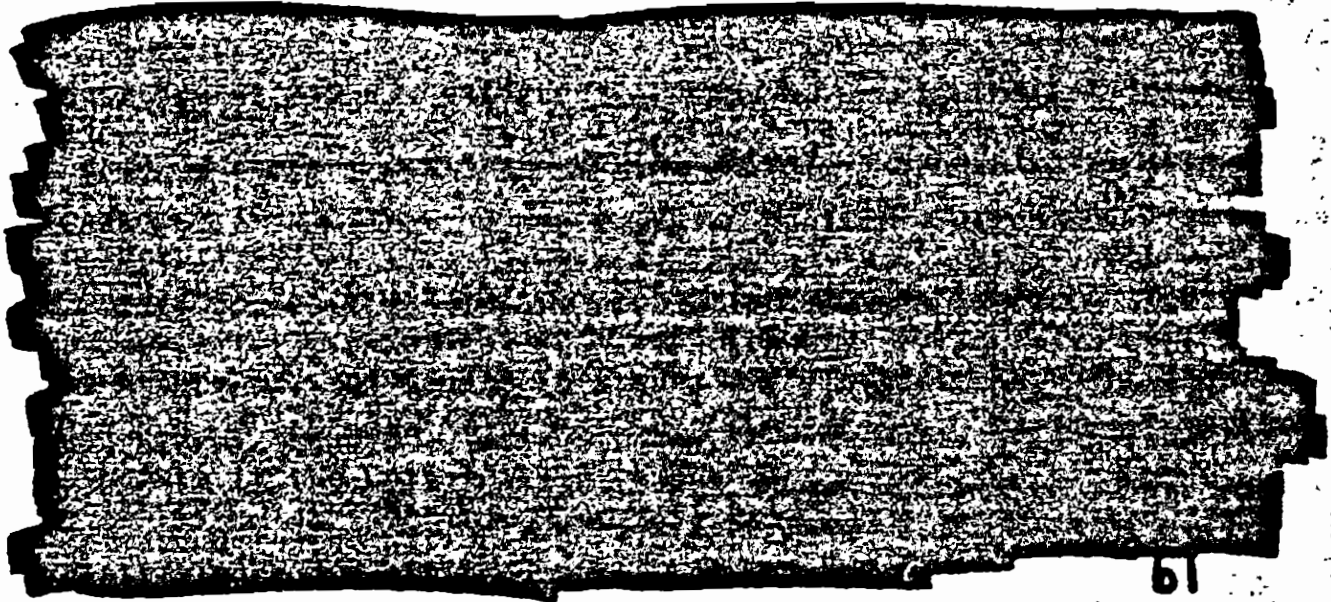


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**DETAILS:**

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

**I. ORGANIZATION**

**A. Origin and Affiliation**

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[REDACTED] on April 21, 1958, made available a letter dated January 22, 1958, circulated to various locals and branches of the SWP by MYRA TANNER WEISS, enclosing a six-months' report of the activities of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (MCSJMS), written by JEAN BRUST, the committee's secretary. In this report JEAN BRUST states, in part, as follows:

"After the successful symposium sponsored by the Twin Cities Labor Forum last January, we looked for further areas to establish contact with C.P. elements and independents. In our search for the Sobell Committee we found the following picture: There was no existing Sobell group; there had been none for several years. Prior to that there had been activity around the Rosenberg clemency appeal and later, efforts were made to raise money for the children. At no time, however, was a committee formed with any continuity. What work had been done in the last couple of years was done exclusively by two 'Guardian' people, each working alone. One of the key 'independents' in this area has since the last presidential campaign become very friendly to us; he was the most anxious for us to step in and set up a genuine committee.

"We waited until the Convention in June before initiating the committee. We wanted to consult with others already in Sobell activity first. At the Convention some of us met Helen Sobell. Before leaving New York, Bill and I stopped at the Sobell office where we again talked to Helen and obtained a quantity

of literature. We also received a list of contacts from this area.

"Upon our return we got promises of cooperation from three people and a nationally known C.P. writer. We then called a meeting, having sent invitations both to individuals active previously in the Rosenberg fight and to some we had met in the regroupment work up to this point. . . .

"Our committee was formed the end of July and we went right into the Sobell campaign around the Amicus Briefs. For this work we mobilized most of the Branch. We got the National Guardian list and visited people on it. Over 200 signatures were sent in from Minnesota, a majority of them through our own forces. Nevertheless, it was clear by the end of the petition campaign that we had a nucleus of about a dozen people (half of these being our own comrades) who could be counted on for sustained committee work. It was equally clear that the organizational responsibility and 'know-how' rested on us. Proof of the standing of the party and the individual comrades is best illustrated by the fact that Julia and I were the only people even discussed as possible delegates to the recently held national conference of the Sobell Committee. (I went instead of Julia because I was able to make the necessary arrangements to go.) . . .

"During all this activity in the past period our local Cochranite has exposed himself to a lot of the Guardian crowd as (at best) a do-nothing scholastic. Now as to the CP element: We asked for and got an outright commitment from Carl Ross, the local CP head, that his party would cooperate to help make the Sharp meeting a real success. We did not keep this agreement a secret. But they clearly broke their promise by building affairs all around the date of the big meeting. None of their top people came, though a few of their second stringers showed as did a number of rank and filers. This fact has had a real effect on the CP members of our committee. They have been friendly to us and embarrassed about their own



leadership. Haven Perkins has also witnessed this lack of support by the Stalinist tops. This man is a Sobell Committee field representative from St. Louis. He spends his time travelling for the Committee, mostly in the Mid-West. He was in the Twin Cities from December 3 -- 13. . . .

"Future possibilities seem very promising to us. Perkins during his stay here, made contact with a number of University people and thus opened up a new area of work. The Sobell Committee put Bill B. in charge of following up this work organizationally.

"In addition we have the names of many individuals throughout the state and are planning a trip to the Iron Range. This is a vitally important area with which we had had no previous contact in the last 15 or 20 years. . . ."

The "St. Paul Dispatch," St. Paul, Minnesota, a metropolitan newspaper, in its September 4, 1956, issue, reported that MYRA TANNER WEISS, at that time SWP candidate for Vice-President, was opening her national campaign tour in the Twin Cities. The article further reported that WEISS was an SWP standard-bearer in Los Angeles in elections for Mayor, Congress, and Board of Education, and in 1952, candidate for Vice-President.

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[redacted] on March 3, 1958, made available a letter from the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell dated January 11, 1958, and addressed "Dear Friend." In this letter it is reported that JEAN BRUST, secretary of the Minnesota Sobell Committee, was a delegate to the National Sobell Committee Conference in New York on November 30 and December 1, 1958, and it relates that the following five-point program was adopted by the conference:

1. A national campaign shall be undertaken to secure action on behalf of MORTON SOBELL by one million Americans.

2. A great petition campaign is to be undertaken for the freeing of MORTON SOBELL by Executive action.
3. The National Sobell Committee and committees throughout the country will urge prominent individuals, organizations and newspapers to conduct public inquiries into the facts on the case.
4. An intensified program of legal research and investigation will be undertaken. Efforts to prevail upon the courts to grant a new trial will be pressed.
5. Efforts shall be made to win SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz.

The letter then states that a meeting of the Minnesota Sobell Committee would be held January 19, 1958, for the purpose of formulating plans to carry out the above program within the Minnesota area.

1-3, on February 28, 1958, and March 19, 1958, advised that the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is part of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The April, 1958, issue of the newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done," which paper is published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, reports on page four the various Sobell Committees in existence. The Minnesota Committee is listed therein and it reflects that the headquarters of the Minnesota Committee are located at 715 South Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota, the home of JEAN BRUST, the committee's secretary.

B. Officers

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[redacted] on December 4, 1957, advised that at a meeting of the Sobell Committee held December 1, 1957, JULIA ZUBAY was reported as acting as the publicity director for the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

[REDACTED] b1  
On January 10, 1958, [REDACTED] advised that as of January 5, 1958, the Working Committee of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell consisted of the following individuals:

HENRY SCHULTZ  
DOROTHY SCHULTZ  
JEAN BRUST  
BILL BRUST  
JULIA ZUBAY  
RALPH ZUBAY  
HAROLD SWANSON  
FLAINE CARROLL  
DONALD PETERSON

On January 21, 1958, [REDACTED] b1  
advised that at a meeting of the Sobell Committee held January 19, 1958, J. H. CARROLL was appointed the treasurer of the Sobell Committee. It was further reported by [REDACTED] that JEAN BRUST continues to act as secretary of the committee and that the Working Committee of the Sobell Committee consists of approximately ten individuals.

[REDACTED] b1  
advised that as of February 17, 1958, the following individuals, according to JEAN BRUST, comprised the Working Committee of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

JOHN F. ARNISON  
Mr. and Mrs. MIKE BAKER  
ELMER BORMAN  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. BROWN  
VICTOR W. BRUDER  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. CARROLL  
Mr. and Mrs. LIONEL DAVIS  
Mr. and Mrs. ORIN DOTY  
JOHN FORICHETTE  
ARTHUR W. HOPKINS  
ALFRED JENSEN  
KENNETH KIRKPATRICK  
MEREDITH SUEUR  
DONALD PETERSON  
ROBERT SAUGSTAD



CELIA SCHWARTZ  
JOHN SCHWARTZ  
Mr. and Mrs. H. STEPHENS  
HAROLD SWANSON  
Mr. and Mrs. RALPH ZUBAY  
Mr. and Mrs. BILL BRUST  
KEITH CHRISTIANSON  
CLARK JOHNSON  
WILLIAM KRAEHLAU  
EMMA LEE  
HELEN MARKS  
JUSTINE O'CONNOR  
ELLA PINELES  
LOIS ROSEN  
Mr. and Mrs. HENRY SCHULTZ

On April 2, 1956, [redacted] advised that of the above individuals, J. H. CARROLL, FLAINE CARROLL, ARTHUR W. ROBBINS, DONALD PETERSON, HAROLD SWANSON, RALPH ZUBAY, JULIA ZUBAY, BILL BRUST, DEAN BRUST, HENRY SCHULTZ and DOROTHY SCHULTZ were then current members of the SWP. b1

On October 12, 1956, [redacted] advised that as of October 10, 1956, LOUIS BORMAN, 801 Kansas Street, San Francisco, California, was known to the San Francisco County CP as a former CP member in Minnesota, who had decided to reside in San Francisco, California. According to [redacted] the San Francisco County CP was aware that BORMAN had paid his September dues and that he had expressed a desire to affiliate with the Party in San Francisco. b1

On December 31, 1956, [redacted] advised that MERDIS BROWN was, as of that time, a current member of the CP. b2

[redacted] advised December 26, 1956, that JACK BROWN was a current member of the CP in Minneapolis, Minnesota. b2

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[redacted] advised February 14, 1957, that LIONEL DAVIS and EDITH DAVIS were current members of the CP in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[redacted] in December 19, 1955, advised that AL SENSEN was then a member of the local Industrial Club of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

[redacted]

[redacted] in October 18, 1955, advised that JUSTINE O'CONNOR was a CP member in St. Paul in 1955.

b2 [redacted] advised May 28, 1956, that MIKE BAKER was chairman of the Progressive Party of Minnesota during 1956-1957.

b2 [redacted] on January 8, 1945, advised that ESTHER MARGUERITE BAKER was a member of the Tom Paine Club of the CPA in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1944.

[redacted]

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On May 14, 1958, [redacted] advised that as of May 4, 1958, the Working Committee of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell consisted of the following individuals:

JOHN F. ARNISON  
Mr. and Mrs. MIKE BAKER  
VICTOR W. BRUDER  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. CARROLL  
Mr. and Mrs. LIONEL DAVIS  
JOHN FORICHETTE  
ARTHUR W. HOPKINS  
MERIDEL LE SUEUR  
DONALD PETERSON  
ROBERT SAUGSTAD  
CELYA SCHWARTZ  
JOHN SCHWARTZ  
HAROLD SWANSON  
Mr. and Mrs. RALEH ZUBAY  
CLIFF BROWS  
Mr. and Mrs. BILL BRUST  
KEITH CHRISTIANSON  
Dr. PAUL HOLMER  
LYNA LEE  
BILLIE MARKS  
LILA PINELES  
LEIS ROSIN  
Mr. and Mrs. HENRY SCHWITZ



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Confidential informants in the Twin Cities area familiar with the Communist Party and CP activities advised they had no knowledge of SWP or CP membership of any of the other individuals set forth as part of the Working Committee of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.



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vised that at a northern meeting of the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell held May 24, 1958, BILLIE MARKS was appointed the committee's recording secretary and LILA PINELES was named to aid JULIA ZUBAY with the committee's publicity work.





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The "Evening Star," Washington, D. C., newspaper, under date of June 15, 1949, carried an article entitled "Soviet Union is Country I love above all, ROBESON quoted," date line, June 15 at London. This article reflects that ROBESON was quoted as telling an interviewer from the official Tass News Agency as follows: "I am thoroughly happy that I'm able to travel from time to time to the USSR, the country I love about all."

The July 15, 1949, edition of the "Washington Times Herald," a Washington, D. C., newspaper, carried an article entitled "Probers told ROBESON is Veteran Red." This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-Communist Party leader, told Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. JOHNSON said he had met ROBESON frequently at the CP Headquarters in New York, where ROBESON held secret meetings with CP national leaders.



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[REDACTED] advised in 1953 that ALBERT KAHN was a Communist Party member.

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[REDACTED] on May 2, 1958, advised that JACK CARLSONZI is a current member of the SWP.

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B. Petitions

[REDACTED] advised January 10, 1958, that at a meeting of the Minnesota Sobell Committee held on January 5, 1958, it was decided to launch a full-scale petition drive in April, 1958, but that, in addition, a number of signatures should be collected before that time.

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[REDACTED] on March 18, 1958, also advised that a full-scale campaign was being planned by the Minnesota Sobell Committee in April, 1958.

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The April, 1958, edition of the newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done" set forth a list of individuals who have, to date, signed an appeal to the President in behalf of EYON SOBELL. Listed therein from the Minnesota area are the following individuals:

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Dr. IRVING PUTMAN, Methodist Church, Minneapolis  
Reverend CARL A. STORM, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Dr. HUNTLEY DUPRE, Macalester College, St. Paul  
Professor ISAAC KOLTHOFF, University of Minnesota  
Professor CYRUS F. BARNUM, JR., University of Minnesota  
Dr. PAUL HOLMER, University of Minnesota  
Professor LOUIS T. SAFER, University of Minnesota  
FRANK BOYD, President, Sleeping Car Employees Union,  
Minneapolis

[REDACTED] on April 25, 1958, advised that at a meeting of the Sobell Committee held April 23, 1958, it was announced that Professor HOLMER, of the University of Minnesota, would be the petition chairman locally in the attempt to get the quota of one million signatures nationally, requesting Executive action in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. b1

The "Minneapolis Morning Tribune," Minneapolis, Minnesota, a metropolitan newspaper, on April 25, 1958, on page 14, reported that the Minnesota Sobell Committee would launch a petition campaign at a luncheon to be held April 26, 1958, at the Pioneer Room of the Andrews Hotel. The article further reported that JEAN BRUST, secretary of the committee, said the campaign will appeal to President EISENHOWER to return MORTON SOBELL to his wife and children through Executive Pardon, commutation, or by instructing the Attorney General to recommend a new trial.

[REDACTED] advised that on April 26, 1958, a "kickoff" luncheon for the current signature campaign was held at Hotel Andrews, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Informants reported that JEAN BRUST announced at the luncheon that Dr. PAUL HOLMER, of the University of Minnesota, will be the chairman of the petition drive. b1

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C. Film Showings

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[REDACTED] that at a Sobell Committee meeting held in Minneapolis March 1, 1958, the film "Night Beat" was shown to those in attendance. b1

T-13, on March 20, 1958, advised that on March 7, 1958, BILL BRUST was scheduled to show various film strips concerning MORTON SOBELL to several professors at the University of Minnesota.

[REDACTED] on March 14, 1958, advised that on March 12, 1958, it was ascertained from JEAN BRUST that the Sobell Committee had scheduled film showings of "Night Beat" and "Was Justice Done to Morton Sobell?" to the communities of North Branch, Minnesota, March 21, 1958, and Willow River, Minnesota, March 22, 1958. b1

[REDACTED] advised that JEAN BRUST, in reporting a film showing of MORTON SOBELL film strips at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 27, 1958, stated that the attendance was disappointing inasmuch as only seven individuals attended after an announcement of the showing had been widely circulated at the college. b1

D. Contacts at University of Minnesota

[REDACTED] on December 23, 1957, and [REDACTED] on December 24, 1957, advised that at a "Welcome home, HAVEN PERKINS" meeting held at St. Louis, Missouri, on December 17, 1957, HAVEN b-a



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PERKINS, organizer, National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, reported on his successful trip to Minneapolis and on his numerous contacts at the University of Minnesota. PERKINS stated that he had contacted numerous individuals at the University of Minnesota and that the Minneapolis campaign, over-all, was one of the most enthusiastic and successful in which he had participated.

[REDACTED] further reported that HAVEN PERKINS stated that the Minnesota Sobell Committee had a group organized at the University of Minnesota and that the group was extensively engaged in passing out literature pertaining to MORTON SOBELL. HAVEN added that the University of Minnesota group may not have thought of itself as connected with MORTON SOBELL but that they would soon come to that point.

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IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

[redacted] on January 21, 1958, advised that the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is currently one of the organizations that the SWP locally is working through. b1

[redacted] on February 17, 1958, advised that at an SWP meeting held February 12, 1958, HENRY and DOROTHY SCHULTZ were recommended to be placed in charge of a Defense Committee to be made up from the Morton Sobell Committee and the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. [redacted] advised, however, that HENRY and DOROTHY SCHULTZ declined to act in that capacity because of pressure of other work. b1

[redacted] on March 19, 1958, advised that at an SWP meeting held March 6, 1958, NEAN BRUST made a report on the MORTON SOBELL case, stating that MORTON SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz to Atlanta Prison was a direct result of the pressure brought to bear on the authorities by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b1

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APPENDIX


NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case--a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States--was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

MINNESOTA COMMITTEE FOR INDEPENDENT  
PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTION, FORMERLY  
KNOWN AS PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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Minneapolis, Minnesota, a self-described former member of the Communist Party, stated she was connected with the Progressive Party of Minnesota in various capacities from 1948 to 1952 and that from its inception in 1948, it was heavily infiltrated and supported by Communist Party members, and that the Communist Party played a leading role in the Progressive Party in Minnesota.

A confidential informant stated on July 6, 1955 that the Communist Party was then in effective control of the Progressive Party of Minnesota and that it was apparent to the informant that the Communist Party was able to dominate the Progressive Party of Minnesota and use it as a means of furthering Communist Party principles in Minnesota.

A confidential informant stated on April 17, 1957, that at the annual Progressive Party Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May, 1956, a resolution was passed changing the organization's name to the Minnesota Committee for Independent Progressive Political Action. Informant said that at this conference MICHAEL PAKER was elected Chairman of this organization which informant stated consists of the staunch followers of the old Minnesota Progressive Party.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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MINNESOTA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

A confidential informant advised on April 25, 1957, that the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was organized in October, 1952, for the purpose of carrying out the aims and policies of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB). According to the informant, ALMA FOLEY, Executive Secretary of the MCPFB, and the only officer of the MCPFB, is a current member of the Communist Party. Further, informant stated the MCPFB continues to follow the policies set down by the ACPFB and is the Minnesota organization of the ACPFB, the latter organization having been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The Committee on Un-American Activities, on page 12 of its report dated August 25, 1956, stated the "National Guardian" was established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. The report continued by stating that although the "National Guardian" denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself, from the beginning, as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in their report of March 29, 1944, stated that "for years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in its report dated April 23, 1956, states that "Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the American Labor Party. The Communists are thus able to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label."

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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TWIN CITIES LABOR FORUM

A confidential informant advised on October 5, 1955, that an Executive Committee Meeting of the Twin Cities Branch of the Socialist Workers Party was held at the Socialist Workers Party Headquarters, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 29, 1955. Informant stated that a portion of this meeting was devoted to the organizing of open forums to be sponsored by the branch.

According to the informant, it was determined at this meeting that the forums would be held at the Socialist Workers Party Headquarters the first and third Fridays of each month and that they would be referred to as the "Twin Cities Labor Forums."

A second confidential informant advised on October 5, that the Marxist viewpoint was to be presented through the Twin Cities Labor Forum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 31, 1958

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Confidential informants referred to in the report of Special Agent Ewald I. Carlson dated July 31, 1958, at Minneapolis, in captioned matter, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Attached is the report of SA EWALD I. CARLSON dated July 31, 1958, at Minneapolis; also attached is letterhead memorandum relating to reliability of informants mentioned in this report. Dissemination of letterhead memorandum is identical with dissemination of report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T-symbols were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE

Report of SA EWALD I. CARLSON dated January 28, 1958, at Minneapolis.

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Informants contacted in connection with remaining members of the Working Committee not cited:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent</u>
[REDACTED]	7/16/58	ALBERT E. JONES
[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	7/17/58	WILLIAM P. EFFERTZ
[REDACTED]	7/17/58	"
[REDACTED]	7/15/58	GORDON B. PLAYMAN
[REDACTED]	7/18/58	C. LEE SNOEYENBOS
[REDACTED]	7/18/58	"

b-2 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b-7-D used to characterize the Twin Cities Labor Forum

b-2 [REDACTED] used to characterize the Minnesota Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

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Will submit report in six months.

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DETROIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS-C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Reference Bureau letter dated July 22, 1958, and Detroit letter dated June 5, 1958, on captioned subject.

The following is the pertinent information on captioned organization as obtained from a review of the Detroit file on information received subsequent to referenced Detroit letter.

[REDACTED]

DOROTHY ERBITMAN, Detroit Branch Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and member of the SWP National Executive Committee, also heads the "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", and has been "very active in this work".

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on April 25, 1958, HELEN SOBELL, sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at 5021 Second Street, Wayne University Campus, gave a talk on her husband, MORTON SOBELL.

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- ① - New York (100-107111 NCSJFMS) (INFO)
- 2 - Detroit
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the committee has  
been very pleased with the recent Detroit visit of  
HELEN SOBELL, b7D

[REDACTED]

On June 17, 1958, [REDACTED] who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that  
on June 29, 1958, a Midwestern Conference would be  
sponsored by the Chicago Sobell Committee and  
representatives from Detroit would be invited to  
attend. b1

After a review of the foregoing  
information, and also the information previously  
submitted in referenced Detroit letter dated June 5, 1958,  
it appears there is not yet organized an actual  
Detroit Committee as a branch of the National Committee,  
but is a group of individuals cooperating with the  
National Committee. Therefore, the Detroit Office does  
not recommend to the Bureau that additional investigation  
be instituted.

Detroit will, through the handling of  
investigation of DOROTHY BREITMAN and other individuals,  
remain alert for possible activation or organization of  
a Detroit Committee. If a Detroit Committee is organized,  
a recommendation for additional investigation will be  
submitted to the Bureau. This case is being placed in  
a closed status, therefore.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK (NY 100 - 107111)

DATE August 1, 1958

FROM : SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, Sect 7-1/

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL.  
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On 7/31/58, [redacted] NYC, telephonically contacted SA JACK DOWNEY, Complaints, and advised that he has been [redacted] for several years, is considered an authority on [redacted] and had been contacted on a regular basis for information by former SA JOHN TODD. [redacted] advised that he was recently contacted by an individual, whose name he does not recall, who desired [redacted] to be a sponsor for and cooperate with captioned organization and who would contact [redacted] at a later date to learn if he was interested. [redacted] advised that he desired to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible but did not actually desire to be tied up with any outfit such as this since it would possibly affect [redacted]

On 8/1/58, the writer contacted [redacted] in an endeavor to ascertain his degree of cooperativeness and to learn if he had recalled the name of the individual who had first contacted him. [redacted] advised that he would cooperate to the fullest extent with the FBI, keeping his connection with the Bureau confidential and not revealing his cooperation and that he realized that anything he might do would be on a voluntary basis and that he was not an employee of the FBI or the government. [redacted] ADVISED that he did not recall the name of the individual who had contacted him and added that the individual had stated that he would recontact [redacted] later in the month of August. [redacted] advised that on subsequent contact he would talk to the individual and would ascertain information about him and the committee and would make up his mind at that time as to whether or not he would cooperate with the committee. The writer advised [redacted] that he would contact him later in the month of August.

cc  
1 - [redacted]

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726) DATE: 8-4-58  
FROM : SA CLARK S. SMITH  
SUBJECT: SLCSJMS  
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Activity  
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Agent  
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7-12-58  
7-25-58  
SA CLARK S. SMITH  
[REDACTED] b7D

"St. Louis, Mo.  
7-24-58

"Welcome - Perkins Picric, July 12, 1958 at Forest Park.

1 - 100-11726

[REDACTED]  
100-6923 (CP Funds)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 - Chicago (info)(R.M.)

(100- Sobell Comm.)  
1 - New York (info)(R.M.)  
(100- Sobell Comm.)  
1 - Springfield (info)(R.M.)

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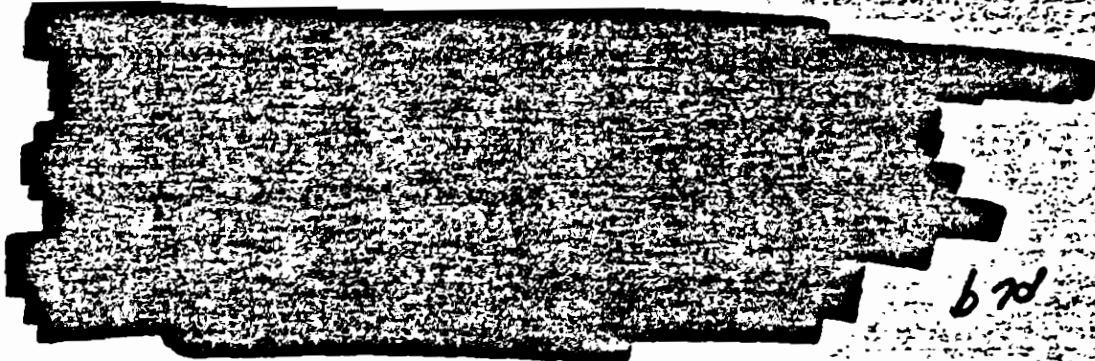
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"Those present and known to me were -



"Gene Tournour introduced Haven Perkins - He gave the meeting an account of what other Sobell Committees are doing throughout the country such as Social Affairs, door to door canvassing for signing petitions and collecting funds. Perkins informed us that there wasn't much hope for a new trial for Morton Sobell and the National Sobell Committee is concentrating all their efforts at this point on adding prominent names as speakers at socials and signers of the Executive Clemency petitions. Haven said that the Sobell Committee, nationally, has doubled in size and strength in the past 12 months. About 27 people attended this affair. Collection and charge for dinner was about 40.00. Most food & drink was donated by Committee members."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-662)  
FROM : SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON  
SUBJECT: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY-SWP

Date 8/4/58  
Dictated 7/29/58

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA ROBERT G. ABEGGLEN (WR)	[REDACTED]
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The above sources who have furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following written report:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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4-Pittsburgh

1- [REDACTED]  
 1- [REDACTED]  
 1- [REDACTED]  
 2- [REDACTED]  
 1- [REDACTED]  
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Ruth commented that not a word has been mailed from the N.O about the nominations.

"In looking over the mail which has been sent to the Branch from the N.O. was one letter evaluating the work done by the SWP on Fund drives and how many members other radical parties have been losing. This letter bore the date June 15, 1958 but the cancelled stamp was July 10.

"It gave a run down on the ISL as being short on their \$10,000 fund drive by around \$3000. althou other figures had been used in the ISL to make it look as if they had gotten more. The YSL was only able to raise less than \$600. in the first few weeks of their drive to get \$1450, which they did not raise, and loosing member to the SWP's Youth group.

"The C.P. loss of members over the past 3 years has been so staggering that they now have less than 2700 dues pay members in the U.S. In Brooklyn alone there was less than 800 members while at one time there was over 10,000, with similar figures used for California, making about 1600, in the two strongest areas of the C.P.

"The SWP had gained a number of young members in California from the exidous of the members from the C.P. especially after Gates left the C.P. and Foster had taken over with the younger members not liking the way Foster domineers the membership. It mentioned the New York Times April bresk down of the C.P. as being off in its count by quite a number. Althou the Times was fairly correct in making the statement that a few of the Comrades had practically all the money in their control.

"The 26 that the Times mentioned as being Leaders of the California C.P. which had left the Party there was stated as really 30 of the California leadership of the C.P. had now left, and more could be expected with the murder of Nagy and Paul Maleteer.

"The SP. and SDF was having a hard time raising money

and the ISL joining with that group would not increase its possibility of doing better.

"But while all this was going on in other groups the SWP was able to meet its Expansion Fund Drive of \$20,000. in full and on time, and gaining members, Sympathizers, and contacts both in the Youth group and SWP.

"The Party (SWP) being on the ballot in several states, in the past elections, had given the SWP an advantage to reach the public in their propaganda, and educate the workers to the real work the Party was doing. The coming election will increase our possibilities of reaching still greater numbers, at a time when thousands of workers are out of work, and many others working part time. The current world crisis and our analysis of it, in our magazine and paper will show that the Party has the correct program, and is the only radical Party that has consistently been right.

"The above was essence of the letter, of evaluating what the SWP has been doing, in the past few months.

"Ruth also had a letter from Myra (Weis) which was an answer to an inquiry which Ruth wanted to know if Jack Sobel, and Morton Sobell had any connection, their names being so similar. Myra said no, but the Papers (Public Press) had been also confusing the public, by the similarity of the names, every time the Sobell Committee would put on a drive to raise money they would come out with something about the SPY Jack Sobel said this or that. Once Jack Sobel making a statement that he was to help in the Trotskys household, to try to get a chance to kill Trotsky, but when they (Myra) checked with Natalia, she confirmed the fact that she never saw nor knew anything about Jack Sobel, which gave another lie to his spying activities.

"About the letter on how the SWP stands in evaluating itself with other radical parties, a question was asked

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Ruth if she had written to the N.O for information of a comparrision? She said sometime ago she had asked about regroupment gains for the SWP."

If information in this memo is disseminated, care must be exercised to conceal the identity of the source.

Copies of this memo have been designated as set forth.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, St. Louis (100-11726) DATE: 8/4/58  
FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Reproduction two page typewritten report personally received by the writer on [redacted] from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-7954 (CP - DAT)  
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1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-6923 (CP - Funds)  
3 - Chicago (Info)(RM)  
(1 - 100- [redacted] CSJMS)  
(1 - [redacted] [redacted])  
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2 - Cleveland (Info)(RM)  
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(1 - 100- [redacted])  
1 - Milwaukee (Info)(RM)  
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1 - New York (Info)(RM)  
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"July 12, 1958.

"St. Louis Sobell committee held a picnic Saturday July 12, 1958 at 5:30 P.M. at Forest Park, near Skinker & Oakland Av. in honor of having Haven an Clara Perkins visit St. Louis. The Perkins are now living in Chicago\_ Ill.

"Supper and refreshments were served, between 28 - 30 people were present. The object of this picnic was for Haven Perkins to enlighten the St. Louis committee on the progress the Sobell Committee's are having in other sections of the country especially in the surroundings of Chicago. At 8:10 P.M. Gene Tournour introduced Haven Perkins.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

"There was a collection, the total was never reported.

"people present.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] distributed the following three  
phamplets.

- "1 The Michigan Daily, Edited and Managed by Students of the University of Michigan. April 29, 1958  
Topic and heading Sobell Deserves Hearing: by Lewis Coburn (1 page)
- "2 The Detroit News Editorial Page, May 30, 1958.  
The Commentator by W. K. Kelsey  
Topic Morton Sobell, reprinted by Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (1 page)

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- "3 It looks like we can win,  
Four articals in four different news papers  
The Milwaukee Journal Nov. 9, 1957  
The Washington Post Oct. 27, 1957  
The Minneapolis Star Dec. 6, 1957  
St. Paul Dispatch Nov. 25, 1957  
Topics and articals concern Morton Sobell. Issued  
by Chicago Sobell Committee (1 page)

"July 7, 1958, received invitation to picnic in honor  
of Mr. Haven & Clara Perkins - picnic will be held  
Saturday July 12, 1958 at Forest Park, sponsored by  
St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton  
Sobell."

Reproduction document personally furnished the writer  
by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

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"LOCATION

"First road north of Express Highway - - first picnic  
ground on south side of road east of Skinker.

"St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton  
Sobell.

"Please Come  
to the  
WELCOME - PERKINS  
PICNIC

"Haven and Clara want to see you during a brief  
visit to our town. You'll hear about their life  
and work in Chicago, and about the progress  
being made on the Sobell Case.

"Saturday, July 12  
5:30 P.M.  
Forest Park

"Picnic Supper - Donation: Adults \$1.00  
Children 50¢

"Bring Your Friends."

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On [REDACTED] personally furnished the writer with the following [REDACTED] 670

1. One page report from "The Michigan Daily", University of Michigan, 4/29/58, article entitled "Sobell Deserves Hearing" by LEWIS COBURN, with various reprints on the reverse side.
2. One page reprint by The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City, of "The Commentator" by M. K. Kelsey from editorial page of 5/30/58 issue of "The Detroit News."
3. One page leaflet captioned "It Looks Like We Can Win!" reflecting reprints from various newspapers, issued by Chicago Sobell Committee, 20 West Jackson.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HAMMOND is a guest at the residence of CLARENCE D. and HELEN GUREWITZ, 1112 Quebec St., Silver Spring, MD.

On 3/11/58 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in the past, identified both CLARENCE D. and HELEN GUREWITZ as CP members.

[REDACTED] advised on 10/11/57 that one of the active and dominant members of the Headquarters Staff of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, NYC, NY, was SARAH HAMMOND, the organizer.

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SARAH HAMMOND and ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, were interviewed over radio station WDC, WDC, on 6/19/58. At this time it was explained that the purposes of their travel included appealing to the people to aid in obtaining SOBELL's freedom and to make an appeal for funds.

Extreme caution must be utilized to protect the identity of the informant.

For the info of the Bureau, NY, and Seattle.

UACB, WFO will conduct no investigation concerning HAMMOND's visits to Capitol Hill.

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SAC, (100-25530)

August 6, 1958

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On July 3, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of June, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that this information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Report is filed in [redacted]

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Report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

Date	Checks	Deposits	Balance
			\$561.70
2	\$ 12.80		\$548.90
4	8.00		478.25
6	250.00		228.25
6	32.00	\$158.59	354.94
9	51.04		303.90
16		80.00	383.90
17	161.00		222.90
20		102.00	324.90
20	100.00		224.90
25	39.60		185.30
26	.50		184.80

1 - New York (RM)  
100-10711 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

3 - Chicago

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$ 12.80	HAVEN PERKINS	So. East National, Chicago
8.00	SIDNEY GUROWITZ	University National, Chicago
62.65	HAVEN PERKINS	So. East National, Chicago
250.00	Comm. to Secure Justice Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange, New York
32.00	Cash	us
51.04	Great Northern Properties	American National, Chicago
160.00	Tanenbaum Studio Ptg.-Garden Reception Ins.	us
100.00	Cash	us
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-3086)  
FROM : SA PAUL L. BRINTON

DATE: 8/6/58

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On [REDACTED] a signed statement was obtained from the captioned individual by the writer and SA [REDACTED] concerning the information [REDACTED] orally furnished on [REDACTED]

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In reporting [REDACTED] information [REDACTED] identity should be concealed upon request and [REDACTED] should be characterized "contact with whom has been insufficient to judge the reliability of his information"

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Care should be used in reporting [REDACTED] information due to [REDACTED] informant potential.

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- 1 - New York (100-2936) (IWO)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-043) (Kings Co. CP)

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1 - New York (100-5240)

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1 - [REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] b7D  
"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to Paul L. Brinton and Robert P. Smith who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I currently reside at [REDACTED] and orally furnished this information initially on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] attended a large gathering of approximately 100 people from various parts of the country at which [REDACTED] spoke. The speaker was acquainted with [REDACTED] and was the author of a book. b7D

"The meeting was held in a hall in [REDACTED] and it was my understanding that it was [REDACTED] as among those in attendance. b7D

"In approximately [redacted] I attended several [redacted] on [redacted]

[redacted]

Attendance at the meeting was in the hundreds. There was a person at the door to check on the persons entering and to collect an admission fee. [redacted] handled the admittance requirements. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] these meetings occurred during the period from prior to the Rosenbergs' execution until [redacted]. I do not recall the last specific meeting I attended, however, the last meeting held in [redacted] was in [redacted] attended by [redacted]

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"After the conviction of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and prior to their execution, I assisted in a clemency campaign [redacted]

[redacted]

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"After the execution of the Rosenbergs, [redacted] participated in [redacted] which mourned the death of the Rosenbergs. [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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"I became disillusioned with people in [redacted] and I discontinued my [redacted] activities because of it. [redacted]

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"In regards to [redacted] I knew [redacted] to be a communist sympathizer in [redacted]

[redacted] I believe [redacted] to be a CP member because of a close association with [redacted] This membership [redacted] after the execution of the Rosenbergs. [redacted] He is [redacted]

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"I was quite friendly with [redacted] These two persons were known to me to be CP members from [redacted] to at least early [redacted] by their own admissions of CP membership to me. [redacted]

[redacted] They were regular members [redacted]

b7D

"I believe that during the years I have known [redacted] participated in some CP assignments, some of which seemed to be secret in nature and took [redacted] to other sections of the state. [redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted] were CP members  
to my knowledge from [redacted] to at least early [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

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"A number of meetings were held in [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] seemed to be in charge of these  
meetings which appeared to be composed primarily of

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] had the  
same sympathy for these organizations and I believe that  
[redacted] still has sympathy for the CP.

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"I knew [redacted] to be a CP member because  
[redacted] attended meetings with [redacted] and myself on [redacted]

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[redacted] in addition to being a CP  
member from [redacted] to early [redacted] also was active in [redacted]  
[redacted] in the area  
until it ceased functioning during that time. [redacted] was

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formerly

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

They are communist sympathizers because of their attitudes and opinions.

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"I have no knowledge that either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] are or ever were CP members.

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[REDACTED]

have been exposed to communist sympathies, however, [REDACTED] particularly shows no sympathy for the CP.

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[REDACTED]

FROM [REDACTED] to about early [REDACTED] because I attended meetings with them and heard other members describe them as CP members. They were also [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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... was a CP member because [redacted] attended meetings at [redacted] I have no knowledge of activity for [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] I believe [redacted] was a CP member. [redacted] was not active.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was a CP member during the same period of time because [redacted] also attended meetings at [redacted]

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"I have read this twelve page statement, initialling each page, and it is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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[redacted]

"Witnesses:

Robert P. Smith, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York [redacted]

Paul L. Brinton, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York [redacted]

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111-0)

8/7/58

SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

CSJMS-MISCELLANEOUS CLUBS  
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There is being submitted herewith documentations for the following local affiliates of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS): Bronx Sobell Committee; Brooklyn Sobell Committee; and, East Side Sobell Committee.

A Confidential Informant advised on July 1, 1958, that the personnel who provide the guiding and motivating force for the Bronx Sobell Committee, the Brooklyn Sobell Committee and the East Side Sobell Committee were members of and active in the New York Sobell Committee and that this New York Sobell Committee, in turn, functioned as the guiding and motivating force in the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (NCSJMS). This informant advised that all these local committees utilized the office of the NCSJMS at Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City for meeting purposes.

The NCSJMS is documented on the top of page 60 in the "House Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications (and Appendix)".

The Confidential Informant used in this documentation is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who furnished the information to SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN as reported in NY file [redacted].

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Report on a meeting held Wednesday evening June 18, 1958 at the Hotel New Yorker by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. About 800 people were in attendance. A "Donation" of \$2.50 was requested for admittance.

Harvey O'Connor was Chairman for the evening. He began his introductory remarks by praising the Supreme Court for its favorable opinion in the Rockwell Kent passport case. O'Connor said this was the greatest victory the E.C.L.C. has won.

O'Connor then introduced the guest speaker, Alexander Meiklejohn who spoke on liberty and freedom and its meaning in the first and fifth Amendment. Meiklejohn thought that the freedom offered in the first Amendment could not be taken away by legislation. Yet the freedom these amendments protectes could be abated if the common good was at stake. He defined these in a way that was somewhat confusing. If the government decreed that we must go to war, than the opposing view, against the war, should be allowed to have a hearing. If any of the four freedoms had to be curtailed for reason of the common good, they can be done only in such a way that the fundamental liberty of an individual or minority is protected. Meiklejohn thought that liberty was inherent in man but that freedom was based on man's relation to others and the state.

The next speaker was Leonard Boudin. O'Connor praised Boudin as the man responsible for the passport victory. Boudin mentioned that he has worked himself out of business in this case because now anyone can apply for a passport and go abroad. The questions about Communist activity have been deleted from passport applications. Boudin stated the victory was the result of joint efforts. He mentioned Kent, Paul Robeson, Corliss Lamont, the staff and committees of the E.C.L.C. as being in the forefront of the action. Never before, he stated, were so many engaged in a single civil rights fight. Boudin mentioned that he was in Paris last Wednesday where he talked with a group of Americans who feared they might be deported to the U. S. because of the fascist like turn of events in France. Since they had left the U. S. several years before their U. S. citizenship had lapsed and they feared economic blacklisting if they should be forced to

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return. Boudin said preliminary work was begun to remedy this situation but that is was discontinued after the passport case victory. Boudin said that he thought Dulles would give in on all points before the month is out. About China, Boudin thought eventually, travel would be allowed.

The next speaker was introduced as a former educator who the witch hunt forced into the writing and lecturing field. Dr. Annette Rubinstein, after quoting poetry got down to her chore, of making the pitch for funds. The response was generally good. No announcement was made of the amount collected. Margaret Lamont donated \$100.00 and pledged \$400.00 more. Contributions came from the Teachers Union, friends of Morton Sobell and other individuals and friends. b1

Rubinstein then introduced Paul Mann, one of those subpoenaed to appear this week before the House Un-American Activities investigation into the musical and theatrical fields. He read a statement that he had given before Representative Scherer of the committee. Its content was that the committee had no right to investigate him or the others and accused them of trying to nullify the bill of rights. Mann received a tremendous ovation from the crowd after his talk and during it when he made remarks detrimental to the committee.

Corliss Lamont was the next speaker. He glowingly related how he was soon going to travel around the world. Lamont spoke in the first people and gave himself credit for the passport victory. Lamont brought up the question of China and asked someone in the audience to volunteer to seek a passport to China. By this action legal action could be taken to win the "right" for all to travel there. Lamont mentioned that Frank Wilkerson was finishing his work in N. Y. as Coordinator of the campaign to abolish the Congressional inquisition and would be returning to California in August. Lamont praised his work and said he would be missed.


The next speaker was Rabbi Robert Goldberg of New Haven. The Rabbi spoke out against the Jenner-Butler bill in stronger fashion than the previous speakers. His theme was that civil liberties was the basis of a free society and that any encroachment

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of it has to be fought by free men. He made mention of the fact that the informant has been raised to the level of a national hero and that their lies had lead to the waste of of much needed brainpower.

O'Connor before closing the meeting introduced a musician subpoenaed to appear tomorrow by the House Committee. His name was given as Bill Weissberg (not certain of spelling). He related how the committee has tormented him and is seeking to thwart his career.

During the evening all the speakers severely criticized the Jenner-Butler bill and the audience was asked to write their Congressmen stating their opposition to the bill. Printed messages were distributed listing what should be said in a letter or telegram to Congressmen about the Jenner-Butler bill. Pamphlets were passed out at the end of the meeting criticizing the action of the F.B.I. Lamont earlier made reference to the fact that the F.B.I. stands for Federal Bureau of Intimidation.



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TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, BOSTON DIVISION</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>		

**Synopsis:**

Meetings of "Boston SOBELL Committee" held in Boston, Mass. on [redacted] Members of organization set forth. Headquarters located in care of BALLY CHRISTIANSON, 117 Gladstone Street, East Boston, Mass. Informant advised that as yet no effort made to have prominent local individuals join this committee. **b7D**

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### DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon information [redacted] **b7D** that the "Boston SOBELL Committee" had held meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, on [redacted]

### A. AIMS

[redacted] the aims of the "Boston SOBELL Committee" were to gain the release from Alcatraz of MORTON SOBELL, to gain his freedom and cancellation of the remaining time of the thirty years of his sentence, to sign and circulate the petition to President EISENHOWER, and to protest the conviction and confinement of MORTON SOBELL. **b7D**

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MORTON SOBELL was convicted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on March 29, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage. On April 5, 1951 MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of thirty years. It is noted that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage and were sentenced to death by Trial Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN on April 5, 1951. The ROSENBERGS were executed on June 19, 1953 at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

B. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] the temporary address of the "Boston SOBELL Committee" was in care of SALLY CHRISTIANSON, 117 Gladstone Street, East Boston, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] in 1952 SALLY CHRISTIANSON was the local campaign director of the National Fund Drive of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). b7D

[REDACTED] on April 28, 1953 that SALLY CHRISTIANSON was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Boston Branch of the Socialist Workers Party as of that date. b7D

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

C. MEETINGS

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] that the meetings of the "Boston SOBELL Committee" were held at [REDACTED] Massachusetts, on [REDACTED] Boston, b7D

[REDACTED] that as of December 1954 SUE KORITZ was the Boston, Massachusetts Section Organizer of the Communist Party, USA, New England District. b7D



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The Communist Party, USA has been designated  
by the Attorney General of the United States  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450,

[REDACTED] the meeting of the "Boston  
SOB-LL Committee" on [REDACTED]

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D. MEMBERSHIP

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ALMA DE LOLLIE

[REDACTED] on April 28, 1958 identified ALMA DE LOLLIE  
as a member of the Boston Branch of the Socialist  
Workers Party as of that date.

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MRS. HERBERT ZIMMERMAN

[REDACTED] advised on May 28, 1949 that MRS. HERBERT  
ZIMMERMAN was a member of the TOM PAINE Club  
of the Communist Party in Boston, Massachusetts,  
as of May 28, 1949.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

LEWIS JOHNSON

It is to be noted that LEWIS MARTIN JOHNSON was convicted in the United States District Court, Denver, Colorado by jury trial of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. JOHNSON appeared before United States District Court Judge JEAN S. BREIKHETZIN on June 23, 1955 and was sentenced to four years imprisonment in custody of the Attorney General and fined \$3,000. JOHNSON appealed this sentence and was released on bond on July 1, 1955.

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LILLIAN SHUBON

[REDACTED] in February 1953 identified LILLIAN SHUBON as one of a group of persons [REDACTED] to be "a member of, or associated with, the Communist Party of Massachusetts". b7D

MRS. DIK STRUIK

The "Boston Globe", a Boston, Massachusetts, daily newspaper, issue of July 22, 1948 carried an article which indicated that MRS. DIK STRUIK was one of the delegates to the Progressive Party Founding Convention at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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The National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in its final text of the "Revolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs", issue of July 1953, stated in substance that in 1948 the Communist Party helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections.

MRS. JEAN LANDY

[redacted] advised that MRS. JEAN LANDY was known in 1949 as a Communist Party member. [redacted] b7D

E. MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] advised on April 14, 1958 that [redacted] was not able to furnish any additional information concerning the above. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Communist Party had ignored MORTON SOBELL and referred to his appeal as an issue "too hot for them to handle" lest their public support of his case cause embarrassment to the Communist Party who are attempting to gain respectability on the American political-social scene. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that insofar as he knew no effort had been made to have prominent local individuals join the "Boston SOBELL Committee". [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D



APPENDIX

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

An informant stated in November 1951 that the Massachusetts Council of American Soviet Friendship was an adjunct and affiliate of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC)

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American" advised in January 1952 that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952 for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

An informant advised on June 7, 1952 that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. This informant stated that the Communist Party takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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APPENDIX

Another informant advised on June 15, 1954, that the Communist Party directs the activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

On June 30, 1954, this informant advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case continued to maintain a national office at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continued to be fairly active in large cities throughout the United States. According to this same informant, the committee's objectives are to free MORTON SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS.

"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on Pages 106 and 107 states:

"Cited as an 'official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ.'

"Political Affairs, formerly known as The Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is Eugene Dennis, executive secretary of the party."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1926 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, pp. 5 and 36; also cited in House Report 209 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power, April 1, 1947, p. 25.)

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Boston, Massachusetts

August 11, 1958

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR HENRY SOBELL;  
BOSTON DIVISION

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Walter N. Brady, dated and captioned as above at Boston, Massachusetts.

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past and has knowledge of certain phases of the Socialist Workers Party's activities within the Boston area. b7D

[redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past and have knowledge of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Boston area. b7D

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past and has knowledge of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Albany, New York area. b7D

The informants listed in the appendix of the above referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past and have knowledge of certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Boston and New York City areas.

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Informants mentioned in the Appendix of referenced report are identified as follows:

Massachusetts Council of American Soviet Friendship

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[REDACTED]

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

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LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION (INQUIRY)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Division because of their interest in this matter.

BOSTON DIVISION

Will follow and report the activities of this organization within the Boston Division.

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[REDACTED]

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

[REDACTED]

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION (1. DIVISION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Division because of their interest in this matter.

OSCEOLA DIVISION

Will follow and report the activities of this organization within the Osceola Division.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MERSON BOWELL

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In para 2, last line of relet, it is stated

[REDACTED] was noted giving financial reports to N. Y. City Savings and keeping financial accounts of contributions received from all sources.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, viewed a photograph of BELLA ALTMAN. He identified the photograph as being BELLA ALTMAN. [REDACTED] furnished a written report which reads in part as follows: b7D

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On [redacted] identified a photograph of  
[redacted] and who was active in connection with  
the Sobell Committee. His written report concerning the above  
is maintained at [redacted] b7D

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requested to correct the copy of rolet on page 2, paragraph 4,  
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In the event this information has been disseminated  
locally, appropriate steps should be taken to see it is corrected.  
Appropriate NY files will be corrected by separate memorandum.



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SA WILLIAM S. BETTS

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL;  
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished [redacted] to the Philadelphia Office the following items he received [redacted] from the "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL," 940 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y. **b7D**

1 - Micrographed letter dated May 1958 to "Dear Friend", signed HELEN SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL).

2 - Newspaper "That Justice Shall Be Done", published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, dated June 1958.

3 - Business reply envelope to the SOBELL Committee, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

These items are being retained in Philadelphia file 100-37667-1B-31 (10).

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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a signed report to SA ROBERT W. FELLMAN. This report is filed in [REDACTED] and contains the following information: b7D

There was a special meeting sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held at Mountain Spring Camp, Washington, New Jersey, on Sunday, July 27, 1958. Those persons for whom copies of this letter have been designated, were in attendance, and those license numbers that are set out were observed at the camp on that date.

This special meeting was called in connection with the activity by the committee for the United Socialist Ticket in New York City. The presence of JOHN C. MC MANUS and Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN at this function was said to indicate a great victory for the SWP. Dr. RUBINSTEIN is apparently known to have been a CP member for many years, and JOHN C. MC MANUS is connected with the "National Guardian" as well as being very active in many "peace" organizations. Approximately 120 people were present and about one third of these were young people under 25 years of age.

Dr. RUBINSTEIN made a speech in which she stressed the need for social unity. She then described the aims of the committee for the United Socialist Ticket.

Another speech was made by JOHN C. MC MANUS. He stated that the recent action in Lebanon by the United States has given impetus to the activity for socialist unity. He said that many radicals who were not willing to cooperate have since changed their minds.

MC MANUS named the candidates for the United Socialist Ticket as: Governor, JOHN C. MC MANUS; Lieutenant Governor, Dr. RUBINSTEIN; Attorney General, JOHN SCOTT, JR. Also mentioned was a Negro Captain from the Merchant Marine who was the first Negro to become a Captain during World War II.

After the meeting, signatures were collected for a petition on behalf of the Sobell Committee.

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Cars with the following New Jersey license numbers were noted at the camp on this date:

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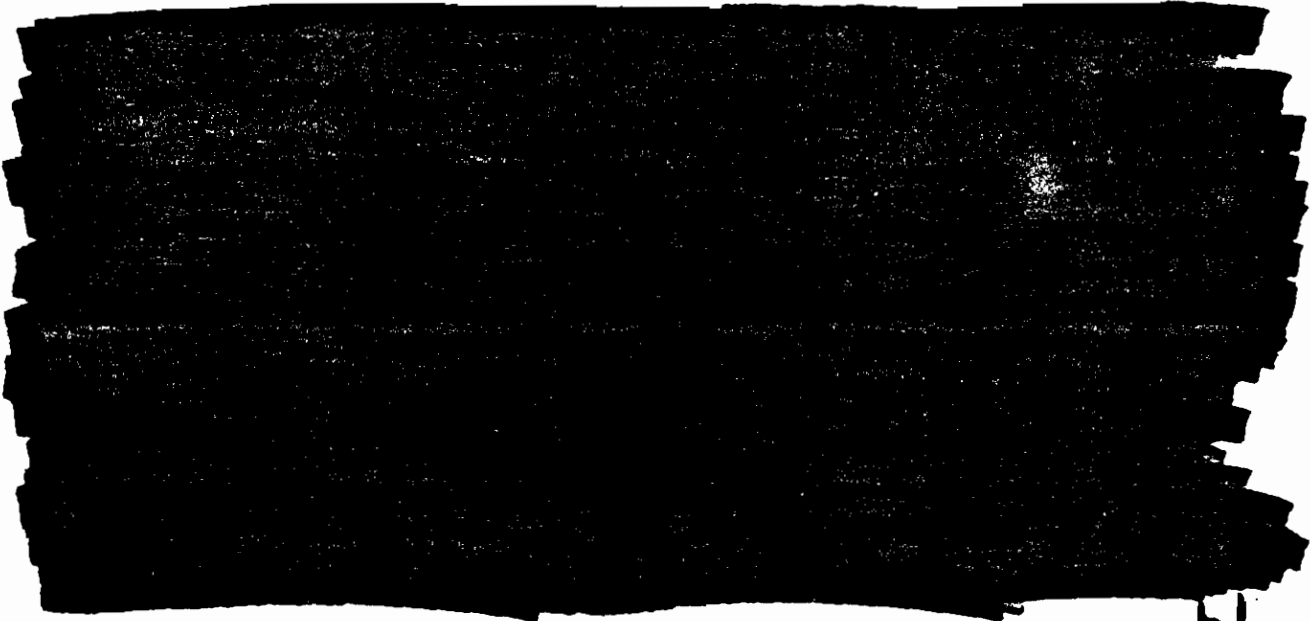
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